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SPIRO T. AGNEW
Ten-Nation Itinerary

Agnew Departs On Asian Tour

Ten-Nation Itinerary Has Room For Viet Stop

By CARL P. LEUBSDORT
WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew is setting out across the Pacific on his first trip to Asia with a 37,000-mile, 10-nation itinerary that leaves room for him to fulfill his hope of visiting Vietnam.

The vice president and Mrs. Agnew left nearby Andrews Air Force Base today at 10 a.m. EDT in a presidential jet officially designated as Air Force 2. After a refueling stop at Travis Air Force Base in California, the plane will complete the first leg of the trip to Honolulu.

Agnew has said several times

he hopes to visit Vietnam. While his official itinerary does not include such a stop, and aides say none is planned, it does provide for four full days in the Philippines before he heads for Formosa on Jan. 2.

CLOAKED IN SECRECY

Past visits to Vietnam by President Nixon and former President Lyndon B. Johnson were cloaked in secrecy until almost the last moment.

Agnew's first foreign destination is Manila, where he will represent Nixon at the inauguration next Tuesday of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, the first leader of his country to win election to a second term. High spots during Agnew's trip will include talks with kings, presidents and prime ministers in each of the countries plus a hop to the Himalayan Mountain kingdom of Nepal where he will be the highest ranking American official ever to visit.

Other countries on the schedule include Thailand, Afghanistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. Agnew is scheduled to return home Jan. 19, the day Congress goes back into session.

In giving the vice president an official sendoff Wednesday, Nixon said he had asked Agnew to "emphasize the desire of the United States to develop programs for Asian development after Vietnam."

ASIAN SELF-HELP

In addition, the President said, Agnew will discuss the Nixon doctrine of Asian self-help which the President outlined last summer at Guam.

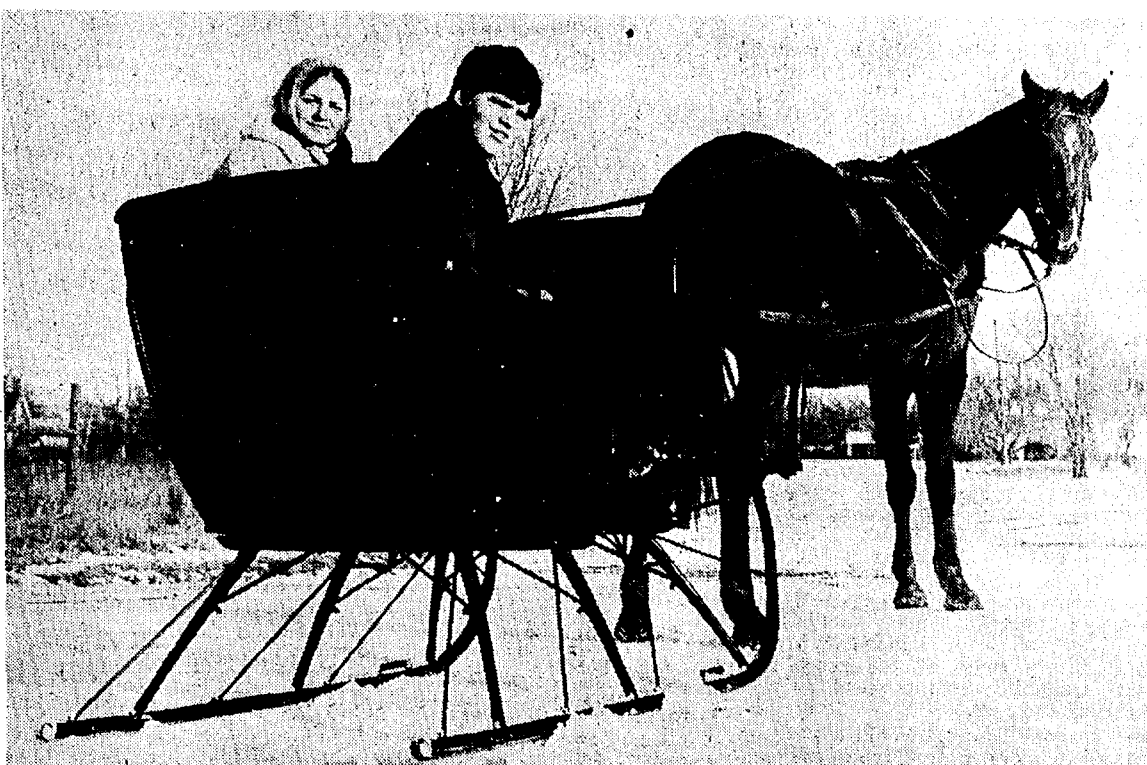
Nixon himself visited all the countries on Agnew's itinerary except Nepal when he went to Asia as vice president during the Eisenhower administration in 1953.

Johnson, when he was vice president, and former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey also made Asian trips.

While details of Agnew's activities in each country have not been announced, aides said no major addresses are planned. There will be welcoming ceremonies.

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RCA color TV 23" console close-out, Goldblatt's, \$399.95. Adv.



SHADES OF OLD: Santa Claus has little on Mr. and Mrs. Michael Perrone, 2020 Taube drive, Benton Heights, and their daughter, Debra, shown above. The Perrones purchased the antique horse-drawn sleigh, believed to date back to 1886, from Gene Kahn, Benton township horse dealer, for the sum of \$70. An investment of \$500 has since re-

stored the sleigh to near-new condition. A similar unit was listed last year in a national catalog with a selling price of \$1,500, according to the Perrones. With Debra during a recent trial run is Gary Barker, a friend, and her nine-year-old horse, Terry, who has had mixed emotions about pulling a sleigh. (Staff photo)

Hanoi Continues To Refuse Presents For U.S. Prisoners

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Billionaire Offers Supplies To Reds

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VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) —

North Vietnam refused today to admit H. Ross Perot and his two plane-loads of Christmas gifts for American prisoners of war.

The Texas billionaire then proposed: —To fly the 1,400 canned Christmas dinners in his cargo to Hanoi to be fed to North Vietnamese children orphaned by the war. He told a news conference the Hanoi regime is now considering this proposal.

—To fly the medical supplies, personal packages, mail and clothing to Moscow aboard his chartered airliners for relay to the prisoners by Soviet postal channels. Hanoi had told him to mail the packages via Moscow, but Perot said only by flying them in his planes could he beat the Dec. 31 deadline North Vietnam has put on accepting Christmas parcels.

GIFTS TO HANOI

—To inspect prisoner of war camps in South Vietnam, then travel to Hanoi, and to offer financial and other help to North Vietnamese families so they could send parcels to relatives held prisoner in South Vietnam. He said this would prove to Hanoi "that we are strictly humanitarian in our outlook—that we are interested in helping all prisoners, not just Americans."

Perot met for an hour and 35 minutes with the acting charge d'affaires of the North Vietnamese Embassy, Vu Tien.

"We were refused permission to fly our planes in," Perot told newsmen, "and I was refused permission to fly to Hanoi myself to present my proposals to the North Vietnamese government."

The 39-year-old computer magnate said he was disappointed, "but we are not giving up."

Perot said Vu Tien indicated that Americans should take an interest in the suffering of the people of North Vietnam.

GENUINE INTEREST

"I feel now we will have to demonstrate by our actions that we have a genuine interest in the families and prisoners of North Vietnam, just as we have in our own," he said.

Perot said the major obstacle in his conversation with the North Vietnamese envoy was the "wall of suspicion" surrounding his mission. He said he would keep trying to convince the Hanoi regime that his project was entirely a humanitarian one, "in no way representing the United States government."

The normally ruddy-faced Perot was ashen as he walked

from the embassy.

Perot arrived in Laos from Bangkok Christmas Day in a chartered Boeing 707 jet loaded with part of the \$400,000 worth of personal gifts, medical kits, two planes at a cost of \$200,000.

and canned "traditional Christmas dinners."

A second plane was waiting in Los Angeles.

Perot said he chartered the

Traveling with him are more than 30 Red Cross workers, clergymen, newsmen and members of his organization, United We

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CAN'T PLAY SANTA: H. Ross Perot, Texas billionaire who took two plane-loads of gifts to Laos in an attempt to get them to American prisoners in Hanoi, gets approval to talk to Communist officials in Laos. However, they refused to grant permission for Perot to make the flight to Hanoi. With Perot is Stewardess Karin Freytag. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Bangkok)

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One Million Likely To Go By '71

Continued Nixon Budget Cuts Expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon officials predict about 1 million fewer Americans will be involved in the nation's defenses as a result of budget cutbacks over the first 30 months of the Nixon administration.

Included in this calculation are reductions in uniformed members of the armed services, civilian employees of defense agencies and workers who have been employed in defense industries.

Amid indications of deeper cuts in defense, the administration is putting next year's budget in final shape for submission to Congress in January. Although President Nixon has been in office only a little more than 11 months, the new budget will run from mid-1970 to mid-1971—carrying through the first 30 months of his administration.

With certain issues still unresolved, Pentagon sources are estimating a new budget of \$73 billion to \$75 billion in the book-keeping year starting next July.

\$2.4 BILLION CUT

This would cut \$2 billion to \$4 billion from this fiscal year's spending level of about \$77 billion.

To put it another way, such a cut would carry defense spending about \$6 billion to \$8 billion below the final Johnson administration proposal for the current year. Since taking office last January, the Nixon administration proposal for the curbing from the Johnson figure for this year.

The reduction of the Vietnam war has been responsible for a considerable part of a planned savings for this year, but Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird also has ordered economies by closing bases, canceling and stretching out hardware programs, cutting back air defense, and laying up ships and air squadrons.

More is in prospect, including probable major base shutdowns in the coming year.

270,000 TRIMMED

As the United States has reduced its troop commitment in Vietnam, the Pentagon has arranged for a slimming down of the armed forces. So far, nearly 270,000 men are being cut from the armed services rolls this fiscal year and there are hints the total force reduction could reach about 500,000 before mid-1971.

Civilian employment under the Defense Department is due to drop by about 73,000 this year and could possibly total 150,000 or more by the end of the next fiscal year.

With reductions in military procurement, officials indicate that defense contract employment may drop as much as 300,000 or so.

The Vietnam war is expected to cost the United States \$23.2 billion this year, a drop of about \$5.6 billion from last year. This is because the tempo of the war has been throttled down as the United States has shifted emphasis to preparing the South Vietnamese to take over the major burden of the fighting and as the enemy has resorted to less intense offensive operations. Also, the United States no longer bombs North Vietnam.

MORE CUTS SEEN

According to current projections, the cost of carrying on the Vietnam war at a reduced level in the next fiscal year may slip to around \$17 billion to \$18 billion.

Defense financial experts say that procurement, rather than

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RESCUED . . . FINALLY: First Lt. Woodrow Bergeron Jr., New Orleans, La., steps from a rescue helicopter after a 51-hour ordeal in enemy-held territory in South Vietnam. The Air Force said he was forced to eject from his fighter-bomber plane and parachuted into enemy-held area. Rescue helicopters flew in 16 times amid enemy fire before finally bringing him back to safety. The Air Force did not say where the incident occurred. (AP Wirephoto)



CHRISTMAS IN CALIFORNIA: University of Michigan football players Henry Hill, Don Moorhead and Mike Taylor, left to right, get ready to tear open Christmas gifts during Wolverine party at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena, Calif., Thursday. Gifts were presented to each of the Wolverines by the Tournament of Roses. Moorhead, from South Haven, Mich., is quarterback, Hill middle guard and Taylor, running back. (AP Wirephoto)

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Dangers In Fast
Withdrawal
From Viet Nam

Protests against the war in Viet Nam, including moratorium demonstrations, seem inevitably to link an immediate withdrawal from Viet Nam with peace. Whether a precipitate retreat of U.S. forces in Viet Nam would bring peace is a question that passes over the heads of the more emotional demonstrators.

In an effort to analyze "What withdrawal would really mean?" Time magazine sums up the probabilities and the imponderables, as well as the certainties, of such a step. It reveals how an abrupt pullout... would have serious consequences for Viet Nam, for U.S. influence in the world, and for domestic peace. Its appraisal is penetrating, in some respects chilling, and constitutes what Time calls a strong argument for "a careful U.S. withdrawal from Viet Nam."

The first casualty of an immediate U.S. withdrawal would be the present regime in Saigon. As Time describes it, a breakup of South Viet Nam would almost certainly follow with the prospect that powerful regional commanders would become the equivalent of... feudal warlords, carving out fiefdoms of their own." Staunchest of the anticommunists in South Viet Nam might choose to fight on in scattered enclaves. Columnist Joseph Alsop has pointed out that as many as 1.5 million South Vietnamese would be liquidated by Communist terrorists from the North.

Beyond the immediate impact on South Viet Nam, a precipitous pullout of U.S. forces would probably have worldwide repercussions of incalculable dimensions, repercussions that could shake U.S. domestic stability and lead to what one authority terms "drastic realignments of policy," among many nations. These would include countries in Southeast Asia and possibly even Africa and Latin America.

In Europe, Time observes, many Germans would... feel that if the U.S. fails to hold South Viet Nam, as it once promised, it might also fail to come to the rescue of Berlin, as it has also promised.

In the U.S. the reaction would depend in large measure on what the victorious Communists did. If they slaughtered countless thousands of South Vietnamese citizens and then began taking over neighboring countries like Thai-

Season For Colds

Man has been eternally frustrated by his inability to cope with interferences by nature to his normal routine. His frustration may be compounded a bit by the knowledge that nature's interludes of overindulgence create work for him to replace an occupation more happily pursued.

Until the wistful utopia of weather control is reached (a utopia, incidentally, which would probably be accompanied by lamentations for the days when weather was less predictable), man will live with his changing seasonal companions.

One of the effects of the current season's companionship is the common cold, an uncommonly annoying and costly gift from the winter months. Between now and February, when colds reach their peak number of victims, most persons will have dropped their resist-

ance guards sufficiently to welcome a good case of the sniffles.

It doesn't have to be true that approximately 20 percent of the population nurses a cold in the month of February alone, or that colds take the largest slice of lost time because of afflictions on health. But in the case of the common cold, prevention is more effective than any cure yet devised.

Prevention largely means staying away from others who have colds, getting plenty of rest and avoiding over-indulgence in food or drink. Because not all of these precautions are possible at all times, and disassociating oneself from the world for the duration of the winter may be neither practical nor possible at any time, the prediction may be safely made that each human being right now is being surveyed for possible attack by cold bacteria.

Medieval healers left a legacy of hospital care, public health services, false teeth, gold fillings, spectacles, and a prescription for future practitioners; "Boldly adjust the feet to a man's position... never ask too little," the National Geographic Society reports in its book, "The Age of Chivalry."

When the Wright brothers sold the first military airplane to the United States Government in 1909, they were paid \$30,000 for the wood and fabric craft, National Geographic says. They also received a \$5,000 bonus for exceeding by seven miles the specified speed of 40 miles an hour.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

LAKE LEVEL DROPPING
—1 Year Ago—
Lake Michigan level is expected to fall about three inches to 578.14 feet above sea level by the end of this month the U.S. Lake Survey of the Department of Army Engineers reports.

above the level of the last 10 years and six inches over the November, 1967 level. The lake survey predicted the level of the lake will remain fairly constant until the season rise next March.

study group have been selected by a chamber of commerce committee.

Lee Selent, committee chairman, said 12 professional consulting groups are interested in making the study here, and have agreed to the steps. As soon as the firms and the committee decide just how far the study should go, Selent said, personal conferences will be arranged with each consultant, written proposals will be taken, and the committee will recommend that one of the 12 be hired.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

I'M FINE
Editor, The Herald-Press:

There is nothing the matter with me, I'm just as healthy as I can be. I have arthritis in both my knees. And when I talk I talk with a wheeze, My pulse is weak and my blood is thin, But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet, Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street. Sleep is denied me night after night. And every morning I am a sight! My memory's failing, my head's in a spin, I'm practically living on aspirin. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this, as the tale I unfold, For you and me, who are growing old, It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin Than to let folks know the Shape we are in.

Compliments of Bud Keith.

Mrs. Lucy Ray, Rte. 1, Three Oaks

RUTH RAMSEY
Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!
1 — The tomb of what Egyptian ruler disclosed archaeological treasures when opened in 1922?
2 — What is the name given to the two periods each year when the length of day and night is equal all over the earth?
3 — What was Flanders?
4 — Who was St. Francis of Assisi?
5 — What is the common name for sodium chloride?

YOUR FUTURE
Before the year ends there should be a sudden improvement. Today's child will need extra attention in childhood.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE
SQUEAMISH — (S-K W E E - mish) — adjective; easily shocked by anything slightly immodest; prudish.

BORN TODAY
George Dewey, American naval officer, was the commander of the Asiatic Squadron during the Spanish-American War. He moved his fleet into Manila Bay and in a seven-hour battle destroyed the Spanish naval force in the Far East. He then blockaded Manila Bay, enabling General Wesley Merritt to land his troops and effect the conquest of the Philippines.

He was born in 1837 in Montpelier, Vt. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1858 and was commissioned a lieutenant in April, 1861.

During the Civil War, he served on the steamship Mississippi during a passage of the frost below New Orleans.

In 1897, at his own request, he was assigned to sea service and sent to Asiatic waters. In April, 1898, while with his fleet at Hong Kong, he was notified by cable that war had begun between the U. S. and Spain and was ordered to "capture or destroy the Spanish fleet."

He was promoted to rear admiral after his squadron assisted in the capture of the city of Manila.

By special provision Admiral Dewey was not retired, but continued in the service up to his death. He was president of the general board of the Navy for the last seven years of his life.

He died in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 16, 1917 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His body was later transferred to the crypt of the Bethlehem chapel of the National Episcopal cathedral in Washington.

Others born today include Steve Allen, Mao Tse Tung, Maurice Utrillo.

DID YOU KNOW...
Some eight million men in the U.S. have defective color vision.

IT HAPPENED TODAY
On this day in 1931 the first musical play to win a Pulitzer Prize — "Of Thee I Sing" — opened on Broadway.

IT'S BEEN SAID
Ridicule more often settles things more thoroughly and better than acrimony. — Horace.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?
1 — King Tutankhamen.
2 — The equinoxes.
3 — A former country comprised of parts of France, Belgium and The Netherlands.
4 — An Italian noted for his life of great piety and poverty. He founded the Franciscan order of monks.
5 — Table salt.

DR. COLEMAN
..And Speaking
Of Your Health

What is the common cause of nosebleeds in children and what is the best way to control them?

Mrs. L. L., Utah

Dear Mrs. L.: The delicate, often surreptitious technique of nose - picking is undoubtedly the single most common cause of nosebleeds.

Many children and adults will, of course, deny this asocial habit, and many, in fact, may not even be aware that they are doing it. The nose can be picked free of crusts using a handkerchief of paper tissue and still do harm to the delicate mucous membrane lining the nose.

There is a dividing wall between both sides of the nose composed of cartilage and bone. At the very entrance to the nose, the lining covering this partition has a collection of tiny blood vessels which are easily injured. A break in one of these blood vessels is responsible for nosebleeds of varying degree and frequency.

There are, of course, other reasons for nosebleeds that may be related to unusual blood-clotting deficiency. In adult women, bleeding may occur during the menstrual period and when the nose is highly congested during pregnancy.

Nosebleeds are always terrifying to children to their parents unless they can all be assured that bleeding will be stopped and that it carries no threat to permanent health. Children need special assurance from their parents because they react anxiously readily.

In almost all instances, nosebleeds can be controlled by using a rather large piece of dry absorbent cotton, placing it in the nose and then squeezing the nostrils while the person is in a sitting position. The cotton should be left in the nostril for

at least a half hour to be sure that the formed clot is not disturbed.

Rarely is it necessary to cauterize these small blood vessels in children. Adults, however, frequently benefit by this procedure. When the bleeding has been controlled, lubrication of the nostrils with a gentle oil will reduce the crusts and almost always restore the lining of the nose to health.

Persistent bleeding, especially in adults, deserves careful study by the doctor to rule out high blood pressure, anemia, and poor clotting mechanisms. There are some drugs that may be responsible for bleeding. When these are prescribed, the doctor always warns about this possibility.

I want to repeat that in almost all instances nosebleeds in children are not dangerous and should be of no concern.

Is the elimination of salt all that is necessary in a salt free diet?

Mr. E. N., Maryland

Dear Mr. N.: This is a mistaken notion and usually defeats the doctor's purpose if he orders a very rigid salt-free diet. There are many sources of salt which, as you know, is sodium chloride. It is the sodium factor that is responsible for the retention of fluids. Carbonated drinks and food with preservatives contain sodium. These must be avoided, in addition to the elimination of salty foods in the prescribed diet.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Living to be one hundred years old is a gift only if one learns to grow elderly gracefully.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER
Contract Bridge

Partner Bids One Diamond, next player passes, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠8542 ♥Q83 ♦J7 ♣AQ4
2. ♠AJ9 ♥KJ4 ♦Q72 ♣J96
3. ♠K87 ♥AQ95 ♦4 ♣AJ832
4. ♠Q863 ♥8 ♦QJ652 ♣KQJ
5. ♠AK5 ♥K96 ♦Q843 ♣AK3

1. One spade. Some players respond a notrump rather than a spade, laboring under the misapprehension that such a weak suit is not biddable. This is fallacious because it ignores one of the cardinal objects of the bidding process, namely, to find an eight-card major suit fit.

Thus, if partner has any three spades, the suit becomes playable and it would probably remain undiscovered if the response were one notrump. In the overwhelming majority of deals the goal is to reach a major suit contract (if there is a combined holding of eight trumps) rather than a notrump or minor suit contract.

2. Three notrump. This response indicates 16 or 17 points, notrump distribution (usually 4-3-3) and strength in the unbid suits. It differs from a two notrump response (13 to 15) only in point count.

3. Two clubs. It would be a great mistake to make the cheaper response of one heart. This is because you intend to show both suits, and the best way of indicating that the clubs

are longer than the hearts is by bidding them first. You bid two hearts over the expected two diamond rebid, and in that way inform partner that your hearts are only four cards in length. If you responded initially with a heart and later bid clubs, partner would have no way of knowing that the longer suit was clubs. It would put too much strain on his occult powers.

4. One spade. The hand is too weak for three diamonds (forcing) and too strong for only two diamonds. As usual, in cases where you are between a single or double raise, you bid a side suit before showing support for partner's suit.

Of course, the Q-8-6-3 is not exactly a sturdy suit to bid, but it is better to misrepresent your spade strength than to misrepresent the value of the hand by bidding either two or three diamonds.

5. Three clubs. The jump-shift shows at least 17 points and thus announces interest in a slam. The hand is much too good (15 points) for a leap to three notrump, since partner is under no obligation to bid over this response.

It is highly unusual to jump-shift in a three-card suit, but in this instance there is no reasonable alternative. Note that the jump-shift is made in clubs, not spades. This makes it possible — if partner raises clubs — to return to his suit, diamonds, in the same bidding level.

BENNET CERF
Try And Stop Me

A suspicious Boston lady asked a clerk at Old Orchard, "Are you absolutely sure this hotel is only one short block from the beach?" "Lady," the clerk assured her, "It's so near the Atlantic Ocean that we have to station a lifeguard in every room!"

A lot of people will remember Ring Lardner's classic story of a bush-league ballplayer, "You Know Me, Al," but this hilarious preface to same seems to have been lost in the shuffle. It begins, "An introduction to this book was written by Will Rogers, but the Scribner boys threw it out on the grounds that it was better than the book. However, there was one remark by Mr. Rogers which I think should be preserved. Referring to me, he wrote, 'He is undoubtedly the biggest...'"

The rest of the sentence is so blurred as to be decipherable.

SIGN LANGUAGE:
In a liquor store window: "Pay now, glow later," Over a display of Moth-

er's Day specials in a florist shop: "Potted mums in bloom."

On a horrible Ozark back road: "Drive with extreme care. This road should be under construction."

Outside a tonorial parlor in Sayville, Long Island: "Come in and meet the Barber of Sayville!"

Factograph
The first coins struck in the United States were the New England shillings.

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Twin City
News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1969

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR SUBURBS' SEWERS



HONOR UNITED FUND LEADERS: United Community Fund leaders were the guests of Benjamin Bittner, UCF president, at a luncheon held this week in their honor at the St. Joseph Elks club. Wall plaques and UCF paperweights were given to associate campaign chairmen and division chairmen of the 1969 UCF drive, which now has 99 per cent of its \$567,468 goal. Seated, from left to right, are: Atty. Tat Parish, Professional division chairman; Charles Johnson, UCF vice-chairman; Bittner; Jerry McKinney, UCF campaign chairman; Atty. James McQuillan, Women's di-

vision chairman; and Atty. Carl Burdick, Special Gifts chairman. Standing, left to right, are: William Marohn, Public Services chairman; Jay Van Den Berg, William Bartz and Forrest Pearson, associate campaign chairmen; Roy Shoemaker, Dr. John McGill, Donald Robach and Jack Cross, Industrial co-chairmen. Division and associate chairmen not pictured include Ralph Emlong, Gordon Noack, Stewart Trefry, Robert Wall, Arthur Klug, Stephen Barbus and Frank Cergizan. (Staff photo)

Bond Sale Next For Townships

Lincoln, SJ Also
Must Get State,
Federal Approval

The Berrien County Public Works board, acting for the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage treatment authority, Wednesday awarded two contractors \$2.3 million in construction contracts for sewerage lines in Lincoln and St. Joseph townships.

Bid winners, both low bidders, were Yarrington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor, \$1,566,726.41; and Earth Construction & Engineering of Ft. Wayne, Ind., \$762,314.50. The Benton Harbor firm won one phase of the project and the Ft. Wayne firm won the other two.

What now remains, works board officials said, is the successful sale of \$1,565,000 in county-backed bonds on Dec. 29 and acceptance of the two contractors by the Michigan Water Resources commission and the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

The construction contracts are contingent on the bond sale and federal-state acceptance. Federal-state funds are involved.

Naming contract winners Wednesday bent a Dec. 31 deadline for contract letting and permits the public works board to keep a revised state-federal grant of \$1,117,150.

Construction could begin in January, officials said.

Yarrington & Harris will build a main sewerage interceptor linking Lincoln and St. Joseph townships to the twin cities sewerage treatment plant. Earth Construction will build an interceptor through Stevensville and will construct a lateral sewerage system in Stevensville.

Earth Construction made winning low bids of \$99,269 on the Stevensville interceptor and a \$663,045.50 for laterals.

Charge Is Reduced

A Benton Harbor youth pleaded guilty to a lesser charge Wednesday in Berrien County District court after a marijuana charge against him was dropped.

Stephen Michael Phillips, 18, of 190 Hunter drive, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to contribute to the delinquency of a minor. Judge John Hammond set bond at \$500 pending a presentence investigation.

Phillips earlier was charged with conspiracy to sell narcotics. Judge Hammond dismissed that charge on motion of the prosecutor.

Phillips was one of four Twin Cities area teenagers arrested in a raid by Berrien county sheriff's officers on an apartment at 933 Paw Paw avenue, Benton township, Oct. 18. The other three still face felony charges.

Talks By Teenagers Win Here

Veterans Sponsor
Patriotic Writing
Event In Schools

Two Twin City teenagers will compete in district finals at Battle Creek after winning the local preliminary Voice of Democracy scriptwriting contest.

Randy Juergensen, a sophomore at Benton Harbor high school and Roger Petzke, a senior at St. Joseph high school, won the first round of competition from among 87 other student locally.

The 23rd annual patriotism program was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its local Tri-county council seventh district at the post home, Post 1137 Benton Harbor.

Broadcast tapes carrying the students' opinions on "Freedom's Challenges" and other patriotic themes will be sent to the district finals competition in January. Winners of that contest will enter the state-wide contest to be arranged at a later date.

Prizes totaling \$13,500 will be awarded in scholarships to the national winners.

Randy, 15, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Juergensen, route 1, box 314, Benton Harbor. His teacher and coach for the essay is Miss Margaret Meyn at Benton Harbor high.

Roger, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Petzke of 2521 Pearl street, St. Joseph. Miss Betty Theisen is his teacher at St. Joseph high school.

Other contestants who made the final local round of competition were Gary Field and Paget Rau of Benton Harbor high school.

Judges for the contest were Judge Julian E. Hughes, the Rev. Ellis Marshburn, Jay Holt and Donald Humphrey.

Radio stations WHFB and WJSM provided their facilities to students in making the necessary tape recordings.

Teens Held After Store Burglarized

Three teenagers were arrested by Berrien Sheriff's Deputy Gary Methling Wednesday and charged with the breaking and entering Spinks Corners grocery, Napier avenue and Park road, Bainbridge township.

Arrested were Richard D. Manns, 19, Riverside; William T. Collins, 17, Riverside; and Jimmy D. Mullins, 17, Lake Michigan Beach. Methling said several pairs of gloves were taken in the burglary Tuesday.

Benton Harbor Policeman Robert Polmanter arrested Willie T. Wilkins, 26, of 1229 Columbus avenue, Benton Harbor, early today on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.



GERHARD F. CARLSON

Carlson Earns Ph.D. At Wayne

Work In Berrien
School District

Gerhard Carlson, school psychologist for the Berrien County Intermediate School district, was graduated last week from Wayne State university with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in special education.

Dr. Carlson researched in the area of learning and adjustment patterns of the mentally handicapped.

Dr. Carlson has been working with Doyle Barkmeier, Intermediate superintendent, and Walter Wend, director of special education in the development of psychological services to schools and in the establishment of supervision of classes for children with learning and adjustment problems. Dr. Carlson also has been instrumental in developing an inservice program for teachers.

He was graduated from Benton Harbor high school in 1955, attended Lake Michigan college, received bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan university.

His wife, Judith, teaches English at Lakeshore high school. They live in St. Joseph and have a daughter, Pamela. Dr. Carlson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard E. Carlson of Benton Harbor.

Radio stations WHFB and WJSM provided their facilities to students in making the necessary tape recordings.

Swim Course To Start At Camp Madron

BUCHANAN — American Red Cross swimming classes at Camp Madron will begin Thursday, Jan. 8. Registration will be at 6 p.m. followed by a family swim on the first night.

Classes will be given for beginners, advanced beginners, intermediate, and both junior and senior lifesaving.

Robert Kessler and Miss Susan Gifford will be instructors.

Executives Promoted At SJ Firm

Price Takes Post
As Board Chairman

Shepherd Casters, Inc., of St. Joseph, has announced new top executive appointments.

Peter Bentley has been named president of Shepherd Casters, Inc. Bentley has been associated with the company for 13 years and was formerly executive vice president. Paul S. Price, founder of the company and, until December 23 president, has moved to the position of chairman of the board.

Two new directors of the company also were named: Walter B. Torphy, Jr., vice president of sales of Shepherd Casters, and J. D. Hartwig, attorney, Hartwig, Crow & Jones, who also was appointed secretary of the corporation.

Shepherd Casters, Inc., became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shepherd Casters Canada Ltd., a corporation organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario this month. Other wholly-owned subsidiaries are Shepherd Casters Ltd., a California corporation; and Shepherd Manufacturing, Inc., a Michigan corporation.

The parent corporation has an authorized capital of 1.5 million shares of which 300,000 shares were publicly sold last month;



PETER BENTLY



PAUL S. PRICE



WALTER TORPHY



J. D. HARTWIG

the balance having been issued to the original shareholders of the constituent companies.

The offering price to the public was \$7 per share. It is anticipated that the stock will be listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange in January.

Shepherd Casters, Inc. manufactures furniture casters in a new plant located in the St. Joseph Industrial park on Kerth drive. Products of the company are sold throughout North America.

Burglar Steals Household Items

A \$130 watch and several household items were taken in a burglary yesterday, Mary Vinson of 392 Pavone street, Benton Harbor, told city police. Also taken were an electric can opener, toaster, radio and record player.

Delia Mae Cooper, 28, of 154 Highland avenue, Benton Harbor, walked up to the uniformed man at the counter. Is this the hospital?, she asked.

No, replied Berrien Sheriff's Deputy Henry Lingle, as he led her to a cell. This is the Berrien county jail. He booked her on a drunk and disorderly charge.

Negro College Fund Surpasses Goal Here

Philip M. Semler, general manager of the casting division for Auto Specialties Manufacturing company, announced that the Twin Cities drive for the 1969 United Negro College fund campaign has exceeded the goal of \$5,000 and raised a total of \$5,389 as its part of the national goal of \$6,500,000.

A release from campaign headquarters in Detroit states that the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area is the first in Michigan to reach its 1969 quota.

Semler is general chairman of the Twin Cities drive. Assisting Semler in the drive were members of the local community, Vance Ferguson, Vance Ferguson Cemetery Memorials; Roy Shoemaker, Heath Company; David Upton, Benton Harbor Abstract and Title Co.; Charles Gray, Benton Harbor school district; Juel Ranum, Whirlpool Corp.; Dr. H. E. Woodford; John Paul Taylor, John Paul Taylor Publishing Co.; and Jack Martin, Martin Brothers Mill & Foundry Supply Co.

Contributions to the 1969 campaign will assist its 36 member colleges and universities in their efforts to provide quality higher education for thousands of young Negro men and women who are struggling to achieve economic and social equality through educational attainment.

Contributions for the United Negro College Fund are still being accepted and anyone wishing to contribute can send their donation to Semler at Auto Specialties.

Man Identified After Holdup

Robbers Foiled In Attempt
At Holiday Inn

One of the two men arrested yesterday was identified in a line-up as one of the men who committed an armed robbery Christmas Eve at the Holiday Inn, M-139 and I-94, in Benton township.

Three men fled the lobby about 11 p.m., no richer than they were when they entered, Benton township police reported. A night clerk closed an office door on them and locked it; a customer gave up a wallet containing no money.

Two men were arrested after an employee of the Holiday Inn copied down the license number of their car as it left a gas station adjacent to the inn. A third man was still being sought.

Charged with armed robbery were Charles William Harris, Sr., 23, of 189 Bellview street, Benton Harbor, and George Johnson, 20, of Charleston, Miss. Police said the license plates were registered to Harris.

ONE ESCAPES

The two were arrested about 2:15 a.m. yesterday after township police staked out Harris' residence. Officers approached the car when it stopped near the residence and three men fled on foot, police said. Two were captured.

Police said Johnson was identified by Mrs. E.B. McKay of Rockford, Ill., who was waiting in a car while her husband was registering, and by Willie Yarbber, Townline road, an employee who watched the trio because they looked suspicious, he said.

Mrs. McKay told police she locked the car when she saw the three run out of the Holiday Inn.

Yarbber said he was sitting in his auto when three men ran from the lobby and jumped in a car parked at the gas station. Only after Yarbber had followed the car to the I-94 entrance ramp to obtain the license number and returned to the Holiday Inn did he find out a robbery had been committed, police said.

Two Escape From Prison At Ionia

IONIA (AP) — Two inmates slipped away from the Michigan Reformatory at Ionia on Christmas, officials said.

Arnold Histed, 21, sentenced from Barry County on a breaking and entering conviction in 1967, and Charles Morefield, 22, sentenced from Oakland County earlier this year for attempted statutory rape, were reported missing Thursday night.

Area law enforcement agencies initiated a search for the two men.

robbery had been committed, police said.

Franz Mursa, the night clerk, said the trio entered the lobby and one of the men pointed a handgun at him and told him to hand over the money. Mursa walked into an office, locked the door and called police.

HIT WITH GUN

The three then turned to McKay who was registering at the counter. McKay said the man with the gun started to shake him down. McKay was struck on the face with the gun when he attempted to brush the gunman off, officers reported.

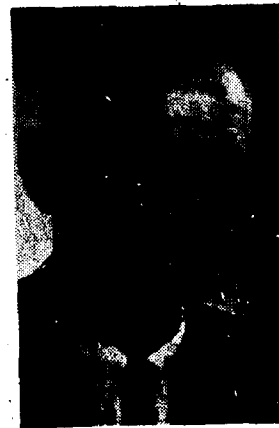
Arrests and investigation was made by Sgts. Robert Stevens and Robert Burton and Patrolman James Lester and Raymond Peters. The identification line-up was held at the Berrien county jail.

Police identified the third man who escaped as a Negro in his early 20s, wearing a light-colored three quarters length coat. He stood about 5 feet, 11 inches tall.



OLD FIREFIGHTER, NEW TRUCK: Lloyd Sanders (in cab of truck), last of the original group of volunteers who formed the Benton township fire department in 1945, will hang up his helmet for retirement Jan. 1. Chief Ken Kraiger (center) expresses appreciation for Sanders' long service, all on volunteer status. Benton Township Clerk Ralph Dahn watches. The truck is brand new pumper

just put into service by Benton department this week. It cost \$24,000 and replaces a 1950 pumper that is being put up for sale. Instead of heading south like most retirees, Sanders plans to move to northern Michigan next spring when he retires from his job at House of David cold storage plant. (Staff photo)



PHILIP M. SEMLER

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1969

POLICEMEN ARE DEDICATED STUDENTS AT LMC



RECRUITING POSTER: Retired Det. Sgt. Victor Beck has done more than his share for the Michigan State Police — 25 years distinguished service and providing two sons as troopers, Barry (left) stationed at Ypsilanti post and Don (right), New Buffalo post. Sgt. Beck is far from retired. He is head guidance counselor at Hartford high school and a teacher in the new law enforcement program at Lake Michigan college. (Staff photo)

Days Of
Muscle Out,
Judge SaysCourses Aimed
At Well-Rounded
Men For CareersBy JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

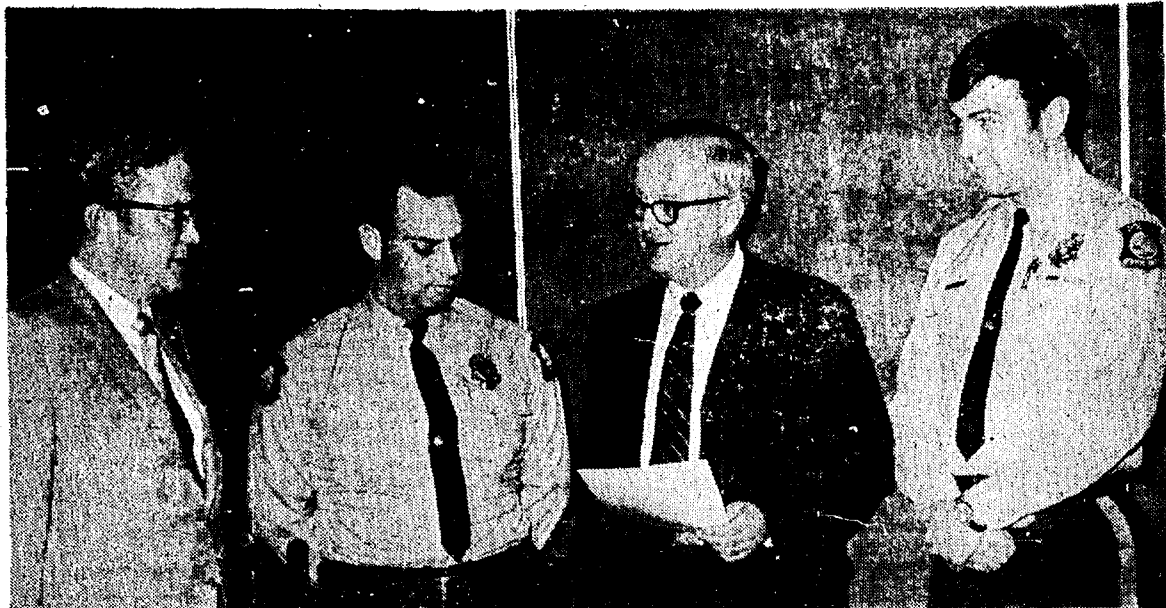
Students in three classes at Lake Michigan college seemed to have more dedication than usual.

There was virtually no absenteeism. The enrollment was all male. Some are married, all hold jobs and a couple of students drove 50 miles round trip to the evening classes.

The attendance wasn't prompted by glamorous female teachers or fun studies. The subjects were serious — the first classes offered in law enforcement by LMC.

"This is one of the finest progressive steps ever taken in Berrien county," said Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns. "There is no more important profession than being a policeman. The day of muscle is gone and the day of policemen with brains is here."

From a student's view: "It was really interesting. We learned there's a lot more to being a policeman than wearing a badge and gun. Hardly anyone missed a class."



THREE SIDES OF THE LAW: Law enforcement classes at Lake Michigan college attract the prosecution, the judiciary and the enforcers. Left to right: Ray Barrett, assistant Van Buren county,

prosecutor who took Interrogation and Interview class; Benton Harbor Patrolman John McCarley, a student; Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns, guest lecturer and Patrolman Gary Jennings, a student.



FEDERAL LAW: FBI Agent Leo K. (Pat) Cook was among resource persons at Lake Michigan college law enforcement classes.

Cook addressed Introduction to Law Enforcement taught by William McClaran, Benton Harbor police chief.

HELD JOB 2 DECADES

Lawton's Postmaster
Lamoreaux To Retire

LAWTON—Dan Lamoreaux, postmaster of Lawton for the past two decades, has announced he will retire from the postal service on Saturday.

Postmaster Lamoreaux, whose total government service spans over 27 years, has served under five Presidents of the United States. He has seen the work load, volume of mail and revenue of the post office increase more than 3½ times since he began his duties.

He has conducted postal operations in three Lawton post office buildings and was instrumental in securing for Lawton the new post office and federal building. The \$250,000 facility now houses the post office and the Quality Assurance office of the Defense Supply Agency, Department of Defense. The building was dedicated in 1967.

Postmaster Lamoreaux, whose military service dates from 1929 to his retirement from the Army as Lieutenant colonel, Corps of Engineers, in 1961, is a member of the Mattawan post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of the Lawton Development Corporation, the Society of American Military Engineers, Marine Research Society of Salem, Mass., the National League of Postmasters and the National Association of Postmasters of the United States.

He and his wife plan to continue to live near Lawton.



POSTMASTER RETIRES: Dan Lamoreaux will retire Saturday as Lawton postmaster after serving in that capacity for the past two decades. He and his wife plan to continue living in the Lawton area. (Eva McKee photo)

Escalator
Goes Home
For YuleAccused Van Buren
Killer Recaptured

PAW PAW Authorities here are studying extradition procedures for the return from Texas of Domingo M. Garcia, 30, an escapee from the Van Buren county jail.

Garcia, charged in this county with first and second degree murder, had been sought since his Nov. 4 escape.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
He was captured in his hometown of Bay City, Tex., by an FBI agent and three Texas sheriff's deputies, according to the Van Buren county sheriff's department.

Authorities here were informed Wednesday afternoon of Garcia's capture.

Garcia's capture ended seven weeks of freedom.

On Nov. 4, according to Van Buren sheriff Richard Stump, Garcia walked through four jail doors left unlocked.

Later, as he stood barefoot, hitchhiking on I-94, it is believed he was given a ride by a Kalamazoo county sheriff's deputy.

PLENTY OF HELP
The deputy gave him clothes and a ride to another point on I-94 from near where a car was stolen that night.

The car was later recovered in Alabama. Garcia's fingerprints were found in the car, Michigan state police quoted FBI authorities as saying.

Garcia, a migrant worker, had pleaded innocent to the murder charges and was awaiting trial in connection with the August stabbing death of Jon Tarnas, 34, of Decatur.

WASHINGTON VISITOR

THREE OAKS — Mrs. George Michael Huffman, Seattle, Wash., has been here for a visit with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Huffman, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harvey Kellogg and family. Mrs. Huffman's husband is in Army service stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

SPRING ELECTIONS

Deadline Monday For
Village Candidates

Monday is the deadline for filing nominating petitions for spring elections in most villages of southwestern Michigan.

Petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. with village clerks at their homes or offices. Village offices up for election next year are president, clerk, treasurer, assessor and one or more trustees.

If a primary is required to settle intra-party contests for nominations, it will be held Feb. 16. The annual village election will be held Monday, March 9.

Hartford will hold a special city election Monday to fill three city offices. The three unopposed candidates are Mrs. Gene (Jewell) Story, clerk; Michael J. Duffy, treasurer, and Robert V. Beatty, assessor.

Voters approved a city charter amendment in November to make the three offices elective instead of appointive.

Man's Death
Is Listed
As SuicideBody Found
Near Gobles

PAW PAW — Authorities here said today that the death of Stuart Mallard Davis, 34, Livonia, is believed caused by a self-inflicted bullet wound.

The body of Davis was found about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in a wooded area two miles south of Gobles by two teenage hunters.

Van Buren county Under-sheriff Myron Southworth said Davis had a bullet wound in his head. The bullet, recovered from a nearby tree, came from a pistol which had been registered to Davis and which was also recovered near the body.

Davis, who was single, had been reported missing in November by his father.

Davis' car was found in Gobles on Nov. 8, Southworth said.

Relatives of Davis said, according to Southworth, that Davis had had personal problems and had been depressed.



FLAMES CONSUME HOME: Benton township fire volunteers were unable to halt fire that completely destroyed the home of Lester Jones early today. Fire Lt. Loren Burkett said the house on Meadowbrook and Hillandale roads was already a ball of fire when they arrived shortly after 1:20 a.m. Because of its

wide spread, firemen were unable to determine the origin of the fire. Burkett said the family was not at home at the time of the fire, but with relatives in Hartford. A car near the home was also destroyed by fire. Firemen remained at the scene until after 5 a.m. (Staff photo)

GIVES PHOTO OF GIFT

Romney Is Failure As
Last-Minute Shopper

BLOOMFIELD HILLS (AP) — The stores were crowded Wednesday night with those people who wanted to get "that one last touch," or "the toy the boy had his heart set on (as of Wednesday afternoon)."

And there in the crowd at the Oakland Mall in Troy was George Romney, former governor of Michigan and now U.S. secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Like many last-minute shoppers, Romney had his problems. He forgot his credit card and had to pay cash. Then he learned that delivery could not be made until well after Christmas. He even offered to go to the warehouse and pick it up, but that couldn't be worked out either.

At least the store came up with a picture of the new freezer and gift-wrapped it. The photo was placed under the tree for Romney's oldest daughter, Mrs. Lynn Keenan. At least, the picture showed, Romney's intentions were the best.

Here is Romney's advice to last-minute shoppers:

"Take plenty of cash and buy presents you can carry."

Five Injured, Two
Critically, In Benton

Five persons were injured, two of them critically, in a three-car accident Wednesday at M-139 and Empire avenue, Benton township. Patrolman Raymond Peters reported.

Richard C. Rudowski, 18, of 1853 Ogden avenue, Fairplain, was listed in critical condition this morning at the South Bend Memorial hospital. He was

subject with policemen. "The Supreme Court rulings are not impossible for a police man to live with. Police are now doing better work because of these rulings. The Supreme Court says get off your seat and look into this case."

The first law enforcement students at LMC are now 10-24. Most are ready to go 10-8 for the second semester.

Occupants of a third car, George C. Shafer, 60, of 307 Liberty street, Buchanan, the driver, and his wife, Helen, 57, were treated and released from Mercy hospital.

Peters said the accident occurred when the jeep driven by Stock crossed M-139 and was struck by Rudowski's car. Both cars were then hit by the car driven by Shafer.

NEWS OF MARKETS

Wall Street Continues Up Trend

NEW YORK (AP) — Advances jumped off to a better than 150-issue lead over declines in light trading today, as the stock market continued a climb begun Wednesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average at 10:30 a.m. was 794.68, up .53.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange included:

Occidental Petroleum 25 1/2, up 1/2; McDonnell Douglas 30, up 1/4; Atlantic Richfield 8 3/4, up 1/4; Memorex 15 3/4, off 1/4; and Union Oil Co. of California 5 1/2, up 1/4.

Among early block trades were:

Texas Gulf Sulphur 8,100 shares at 21, up 1/2; and American Telephone, 5,600 shares 49 1/2, up 1/4.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial gained 1.36 to 794.15 Wednesday, its highest level since last Dec. 4, when the reading was 798.53.

The Associated Press 60-stock average closed at 288.9, up 4.0.

Analysts attributed the healthy performance to comments of Paul W. McCracken, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, that present monetary restrictions could not continue indefinitely "without having the economy drift further below its potential" for growth.

Not since Dec. 18's statement by Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman-designate of the Federal Reserve Board, has the market reacted with such a sharp climb. Burns said he hoped the board would reconsider its policy when more facts become known about the tax-reform bill and the federal budget.

The monetary restrictions of the Federal Reserve are considered a major depressant on the market.

As one analyst said, when there is even a hint of some easing of restrictions as Burns' and McCracken's statements were interpreted by some, "you have an explosive rally."

Thirteen of the American Stock Exchange's 20 most active issues opened higher, while 3 declined, and 4 were unchanged.

Early Amex prices included:

British Petroleum 12 1/2, up 3/4; Buttes Gas 20, up 1/4; Milgo Electronics 23, up 1/4; Ecological Science 23, up 3/4; and Leasco Data warrants 13 1/2, up 1/2.

Southwest Lower Michigan — Tonight partly cloudy and colder, lows 10 to 15. Saturday mostly fair and cold, highs 22 to 26. Sunday outlook cloudy with chance of snow and not much temperature change. Winds east to southeast 8 to 15 m.p.h. today becoming northwest to north 10 to 13 m.p.h. tonight and northwest to west 8 to 12 m.p.h. Saturday. Probabilities of precipitation: 50 per cent today, 10 per cent tonight, 20 per cent Saturday.

Temperatures recorded in Detroit:

The highest temperature Thursday was 26; the lowest 18.

The highest temperature one year ago today was 24; the lowest 13.

The highest temperature this date since 1872 was 55 in 1888; the lowest -4 in 1924.

The sun sets today at 5:07 p.m. and rises Saturday at 8:01 a.m.

The moon rises today at 7:50 p.m. and sets Saturday at 10:15 p.m.

Today's Readings

High	Low
Alpena 26	21
Detroit 25	24
Escanaba 30	25
Flint 26	23
Grand Rapids 23	21
Houghton 22	18
Houghton Lake 22	18
Jackson 22	21
Lansing 25	23
Marquette 27	23
Mount Clemens 28	23
Muskegon 23	22
Oscoda 26	23
Pellston 26	21
Saginaw 23	21
Sault Ste. Marie 21	15
Traverse City 25	22

Local Grain Price Quotations

Buchanan Co-ops
Buchanan, Michigan

No. 1 soybeans 2.28, steady.

No. 1 white oats 32-lb. test weight 70, steady.

No. 2 rye 1.80, steady.

No. 2 barley .69, steady.

No. 2 ear corn 1.05, steady.

No. 2 shelled corn 1.08, steady.

Wheat 1.35, steady.

Decatur Elevator Co.
Decatur, Michigan

No. 1 new crop oats .66, steady.

No. 2 ear corn 1.06, steady.

No. 2 shelled corn 1.10, steady.

CASTRO JOINS HARVEST

MIAMI (AP) — Fidel Castro joined 20 young Americans in cutting sugar cane on Christmas Day. Havana radio reported today.

New York Stocks

as quoted by
WM. C. RONEY & CO. 665 W. MAIN

Alcoa	28 1/2	28 1/2	Kroger	30	30 1/2
Allied Ch	24 1/4	24 1/4	MacDonnell Douglas	29 1/2	29 1/2
Am Can	39 1/2	39 1/2	Magnavox	34 1/2	34 1/2
Amer Elec Power	29 1/2	29 1/2	Minn. Mining	110	110 1/2
Am Motors	9	8 3/4	Marcor	45 1/4	45 1/4
Am Tel & Tel	49 1/2	49 1/2	Nat Gypsum	23 1/2	23 1/2
Am Brands	35 1/2	35 1/2	Nor Pac	37 1/2	NS
A.M.F.	17 1/2	17 1/2	Olin Corp.	20 1/2	20 1/2
Anaconda	29 1/2	29 1/2	Parke Da	34 1/2	35
Aveco	23 1/2	23 1/2	Pa Central	27 1/2	28
Beth Steel	26 1/2	26 1/2	Phill Pet	24 1/2	24 1/2
Boeing	28 1/2	28 1/2	Raytheon	33 1/2	33 1/2
Brunswick	17 1/2	17 1/2	RCM	35 1/2	36
Burroughs	16 1/2	16 1/2	Roy Met	29 1/2	29 1/2
Case, JI	11 1/2	11 1/2	Roy Tob	43	43 1/2
Ches & Ohio	49 1/2	49 1/2	Sears Roeb	67 1/2	68
Chrysler	35 1/2	35 1/2	Shell Oil	42 1/2	42 1/2
Cities Svc	40 1/2	40 1/2	Sperry Rd	37 1/2	37 1/2
Comsat	56 1/2	56 1/2	Std Oil Cal	50 1/2	50 1/2
Cont. Can	72 1/2	72 1/2	Std Oil Ind	47 1/2	48 1/2
Dow Chem	68 1/2	68 1/2	Std Oil N J	62 1/2	61 1/2
Du Pont	107 1/2	107 1/2	Swift	29 1/2	29 1/2
East Kod	78 1/2	79	TWA	23 1/2	23 1/2
Ford Mot	41 1/2	41 1/2	Union Bag-Camp	30 1/2	NS
Gen Elec	77 1/2	77 1/2	Un Carbide	36 1/2	36 1/2
Gen Fds	81 1/2	81 1/2	Un Pac	38 1/2	NS
Gen Motors	68 1/2	68 1/2	Un Foods	27 1/2	27 1/2
Gen Tel & Elec	30 1/2	30	Unroyal	19 1/2	19 1/2
Gen Tire	18 1/2	18	Un Oil Prod	26 1/2	26 1/2
Gillette	49 1/2	50	US Steel	34 1/2	34 1/2
Goodyear	28 1/2	28	West Un Tel	44	43 1/2
Ill Cent	28	28	Westinghouse	58 1/2	58 1/2
Int Bus Mch	355	357	Woolworth	37 1/2	37 1/2
Int Harv	24 1/2	24 1/2	Zenith Rad	34 1/2	34 1/2
Int Pap	37 1/2	37 1/2			
Int Nick	42 1/2	42 1/2			
Int Tel & Tel	58	57 1/2			
Kennecott	43 1/2	43 1/2			
Kresge, SS	55 1/2	56 1/2			

UNLISTED STOCKS

Previous Close	Today's Close
North Cent. Airlines	3 1/2
Time Airlines	40 1/2
Southern Mich.	45
Cold Storage	55 1/2

LOCAL LISTED SECURITIES

(Supplied by Berrien Securities, Inc., 219 East Main, B.H.)

Previous Close	Today's Close
American Metals-Climax	34 1/2
Bendix Corp.	33 1/2
Clark Equip.	33
Consolidated Foods	40 1/2
Koehring	25 1/2
Gulton, Ind	16 1/2
Hammermill Paper	24 1/2
Hayes-Albion Corp.	16
Mich. Gas Utilities	15 1/2
National Standard	36 1/2
Schlumberger	82 1/2
Whirlpool Corp.	60 1/2

AREA UNLISTED SECURITIES

(Supplied by Berrien Securities, Inc., 219 East Main, B.H.)

Previous Close	Today's Close
Benton Harbor Malleable	6 1/2
Ind. & Mich., Pfd.	52

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Returns Taxed When They Surpass Price

By SAM SHULSKY

Q. — I know there are some securities which pay dividends labeled a return of capital and therefore partly or wholly exempt from income taxes. What happens when the return of capital equals the amount paid for the stock originally?

A. — At that point dividends become subject to a capital gains tax.

To take a simple example: Let's say you pay \$40 for a stock which pays a \$2 dividend considered entirely a return of capital. That \$2 dividend, then, is entirely exempt from income taxes, but it does mark down the tax cost of your stock by \$2 every year. If you received five of these dividends, your cost, for tax purposes, would become \$30 a share. If you sold the stock for \$35 you would pay a long term capital gains tax on \$5 a share.

If you hold a stock for 20 years and continue to receive \$2 in income tax free dividends, your tax cost per share would be reduced to zero. The next year, and thereafter, the \$2 dividend would be taxed as a capital gain.

ACCUMULATE FIRST

Q. — I would like to begin a \$100-a-month monthly investment plan with a broker and would like to have the stock certificates sent to me at home.

A. — I don't think you would. Your monthly payment might buy 2,389 shares of the stock one month and 2,482 shares the next month and 2,310 shares the next.

In the first place, you can't get a certificate for 2,310 shares and in the second place you'd have a pretty well-stuffed safe deposit box if you could. Why not accumulate 25, 50 or 100 shares, have the broker send you the certificate, and then switch your investing to another stock?

OWN STATISTICS?

Q. — I plan to invest about \$10,000 in a mutual fund and draw \$100 a month. Since most funds achieve a gain of better than 25 per cent a year...

A. — If you're going to make up your own statistics, you're likely to wind up with a terrible headache. Many funds DO NOT grow 25 per cent a year and even some that may in any one year perform like this offer no guaranty that they will continue at that rate.

BRING THEM HOME

Q. — I'm retired, living on income from pensions and securities. My securities are all at the brokerage firm. I'm concerned because there were some stories about difficulty at the firm. Should I ask that the

securities be sent to me?

A. — I would, even though the fact that this is a stock exchange member firm reduces substantially any risk of loss. The N.Y. Stock Exchange — in the few cases of trouble in recent years — has protected all public investors from loss.

Assuming that you hold a portfolio of stocks and bonds for income purposes, I can see little reason to have them held by the broker. (And, I'm sure, he'd be just as happy to get rid of them.) If they are sound, long-term securities, you're not doing much trading anyway and, certainly, should not. Keeping them at the brokerage firm instead of in your name and in your own bank vault means dividend and interest checks must first go to the broker and then be relayed to you. The same applies to proxy statements, annual and quarterly reports, etc. Since you intend to add the securities, bring them home.

Shulsky welcomes written questions, but he will be able to provide answers only through the column. For investment lists, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Address your requests to Sam Shulsky c/o this newspaper.

Men Accused Of Forgery

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP) — Two men are scheduled to have a pretrial hearing in Windsor Monday on charges stemming from what authorities said was a plan to pass forged gift certificates at the J.L. Hudson Co. department store in Detroit.

Lawrence F. Fairbairn, 35, and Joseph Nikola, 51, both of Windsor, were charged with possession of forged gift certificates.

27 DIE IN RIOT

KINSHASA, The Congo (AP) — Twenty-seven persons, most of them between 8 and 15 years old, were trampled to death Thursday when an impatient crowd stampeded outside a football stadium in Bukavu. The Congolese press agency said 101 others were injured.

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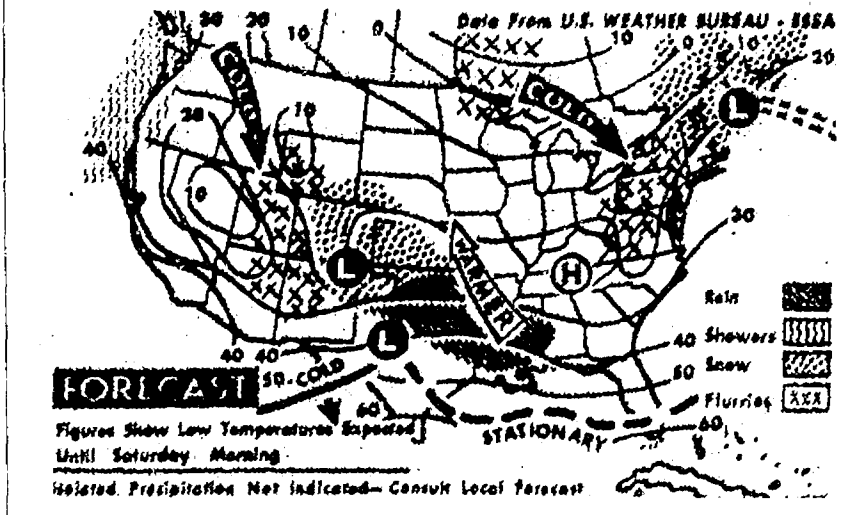
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Today's Weather Map

NEW YORK — Snow is forecast Friday from the Great Lakes to New England and southward through the Appalachians. Snow also is expected over the western mountains and into the central plains. Showers and rain is forecast in the Northwest and mid-South. (AP Wirephoto Map)

NOT ALONE

Friends Join Kansan For Yule Dinner

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Thirty-six years ago Prather spent Christmas Day alone at a service station he operated three miles west of Belle Plaine, Kan.

"It brought tears to my eyes to spend Christmas alone," Prather said Thursday. "That's why I'm rejoicing tonight."

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RENTING ANYONE?

A young bride and groom we know just rented their first apartment in a Los Angeles suburb and along with it, rented everything that goes into it — bed, chairs, tables, couch, appliances, kitchen utensils, linens, decorations, etc.

"It's great," she wrote her mother. "We won't be stationed here long so why burden ourselves with possessions we'll have to pack up and ship somewhere else?"

My husband and I recently gave a buffet supper party for 31 and while I have all the equipment to handle that size party, I rented everything. For me, a working wife, catering and renting have become the only way to handle anything larger than dinner for eight.

In our local shopping center, one of the most popular spots is the general rental outlet which offers floor polishers, wall paper removers, wheel chairs, etc., etc. None of us would dream of buying this sort of equipment; we rent it, use it for as long as necessary and that's that.

Renting has been a well-established industry in our land for years and the fact that it is flourishing is hardly news. What is news, though, is the size, the